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NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013:**

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.45' N. latitude, 131°18.90' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point, to Point Davison Light then due west to the District 2 boundary, with the following restriction:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013:**

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moir Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013:

District 4: **will be open.**

District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013:**

Section 7-A: will be open south of the latitude of Point Warde.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013:**

District 10: will be open with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point;

Pybus Bay: will be closed north of the latitude of Point Pybus.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Chichagof Island Shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline north of the latitude of South Passage Point (**including the waters of Tenakee Inlet and Freshwater Bay to normal markers**);

Kelp Bay and Catherine Island shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of Baranof Island and Catherine Island north of South Point at 57°16.28' N. latitude (except that all waters of The Basin will be open) and south of 57°21.00' N. latitude;

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude, then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point at 57°13.36' N. latitude, 134°50.53' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of Round Island, to the southernmost tip of Round Island, to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Black Bay, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake, and Slocum Arm: will be open east of a line from Khaz Point, to Ninefoot Shoal Light, to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island, to Point Hogan, to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island, and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136°09.20' W. longitude;

Klag Bay: will be closed north of Rose Point;

Ford Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from Trap Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57°32.86' N. latitude, 136°00.13' W. longitude.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following area:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude, to Makhnati Rock Light, to Surf Rock Light, to Simpson Rock Light, to Tsaritsa Rock Light, to Silver Point with the following restrictions:

Silver Bay: will be closed east of a line from Entry Point Light to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°01.58' N. latitude, 135°14.58' W. longitude;

Camp Coogan Bay: will be closed east of 135°14.78' W. longitude;

Crescent Bay: will be closed in all waters of Crescent Bay enclosed by a line from the east end of the John O'Connell Bridge, to The Twins Light, to the southernmost tip of Guertin Island;

Starrigavin Bay: will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.50' N. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point;

Nakwasina Sound: will be closed northeast of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°10.58' N. latitude, 135°24.81' W. longitude, to the easternmost tip of Crosswise Island, to the northernmost tip of Beehive Island, then due west to the Halleck Island shoreline.

Section 13-C: will be open **south of the latitude of the Point Benham Light** with the following restrictions:

Saook Bay: will be closed west of a line from the easternmost tip of Saook Point to the northernmost tip of Point Kennedy;

Rodman Bay: **all waters will be closed**;

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Sunday, July 14, through 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 15, 2013**:

Section 13-A will be open in the following area:

Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Strait: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point to the westernmost tip of Column Point and in Lisianski Strait north of the latitude of Point Theodore with the following restrictions:

Lisianski Inlet: will be closed **south of 57°55.10' N. latitude**;

Stag Bay: will be closed east of a line from 57°55.52' N. latitude, 136°21.47' W. longitude to 57°55.97' N. latitude, 136°21.53' W. longitude.

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., daily, from Monday, July 15 through Wednesday, July 17, 2013**:

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76' W. longitude (normal markers).

District 14

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013:**

Section 14-B: will be open south of the latitude of Crist Point.

Section 14-C: will be open within two nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

District 4: Fishermen are advised that the latest forecast for the Skeena River sockeye salmon run is expected to be well below escapement needs. The department is working closely with Canadian managers to monitor inseason forecasts. It is unclear at this time how much fishing in District 4 will be allowed during the 2013 treaty period which runs from July 7 to July 27.

Hidden Falls THA Information: The 2013 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls THA is 1,315,000. Of this return, 135,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 1,180,000 available for common property harvest. On July 11, the average weight of chum salmon was 6.2 pounds and the sex ratio was 37% male. As of July 12, NSRAA is on schedule to achieve broodstock requirements. Chum salmon tax assessment remains in effect and includes the Kelp Bay/Catherine Island area – see the purse seine news release dated June 5, 2013 for additional information.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, July 16, 2013.**

Copies of the “2013 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S2813.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 28
Preliminary Estimates compiled July 12, 2013

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	1,500	2,000	240,000	14,000	257,500	31
District 2	0	1,500	1,500	40,000	25,000	68,000	15
Section 7-A	0	600	500	86,500	13,200	100,800	12
12-A Chichagof Island Shoreline	0	200	10	39,000	3,400	42,610	5
12-A Kelp Bay/Hidden Falls THA	90	500	1,100	68,000	188,000	257,690	40
12-A Tenakee Inlet	0	450	100	160,000	30,000	190,550	15
Section 14-C	0	1,500	300	322,000	71,000	394,800	31
Amalga Harbor SHA	0	2,300	200	3,500	307,000	313,000	84
Totals	90	8,550	5,710	959,000	651,600	1,624,950	

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	48	65	7,742	452	8,306
District 2	0	100	100	2,667	1,667	4,533
Section 7-A	0	50	42	7,208	1,100	8,400
12-A Chichagof Island Shoreline	0	40	2	7,800	680	8,522
12-A Kelp Bay/Hidden Falls THA	2	13	28	1,700	4,700	6,442
12-A Tenakee Inlet	0	30	7	10,667	2,000	12,703
Section 14-C	0	48	10	10,387	2,290	12,735
Amalga Harbor SHA	0	27	2	42	3,655	3,726

District 2: harvest information is from Thursday only.

District 10: confidential.

Section 13-C: insufficient harvest information.

Sitka Sound: confidential.

Redoubt Bay: no reported harvest.

Anita Bay THA: 500 chums and 2,700 kings harvested to date.

Deep Inlet THA: insufficient harvest information.

Kendrick Bay THA: 10,000 chums harvested to date.

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